

Generally Fair Tonight  
and Thursday.

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## APPROPRIATION TO INVESTIGATE GREAT FALLS IS REFUSED

House Committee Cuts Sum  
Asked for Out of Ap-  
propriation Bill.

## REBATE ON ELECTRIC LIGHTING DEMANDED

Commissioners Directed to Arrange  
for Reimbursement for Low  
Powered Arc Lamps.

The full House Committee on Ap-  
propriations does not favor the inves-  
tigation of the question of the estab-  
lishment of a municipal water power  
plant at Great Falls.

In the District appropriation bill  
reported to the House by the full  
committee this afternoon the report  
of the subcommittee, favoring an in-  
vestigation to consider the desirability  
of the erection of a municipal  
lighting plant was disapproved.

### Wants Money Refunded.

The committee pays considerable at-  
tention to the electric light question by  
specifically directing the Commissioners  
to make a settlement with the Potomac  
Electric Power Company, with a view  
of reimbursing the District for the dif-  
ference between the 1,000-candlepower  
lamps which have been used by the  
power company with the consent and  
approval of at least one district of-  
ficial.

The bill also directs the substitution  
of four amperes or other lamps of great  
power satisfactory to the District Com-  
missioners for the "series inclosed and  
multiple inclosed are lamps" now in  
use, the entire work to be done at the  
expense of the power company.

### Full Service for Money.

That the Appropriations Committee is  
determined that there shall be no fur-  
ther opportunity of depriving the Dis-  
trict of the kind of illumination it pays  
for is made clear in a section of the  
bill, which sets forth in great detail  
the character of lighting the power  
company is called upon to furnish.

The bill vests the Commissioners with  
the power to make deductions from the  
amounts due the lighting companies in  
the event of their failure to furnish the  
candlepower or wattage required by law.  
The electric lighting companies are also  
required to remove from the streets at  
their own expense, all posts, lanterns,  
and fixtures which the Commissioners  
shall order discontinued.

## Automobile Victim's Husband Not Found

The police today failed to locate an  
Arthur B. Hurley, whose wife was re-  
ported to have been killed in Providence,  
R. I., last night by an automobile.

The police of Washington were asked  
to notify Mrs. Hurley's husband, who  
was said to live at 569 Breschaw place.  
There is no such street in the District.

## Double Wreck Buries Three Railroad Men

ONEIDA, N. Y., Jan. 18.—Two freight  
trains were piled in a ditch on the New  
York Central at noon today, when a car  
in the middle of one of them was de-  
railed.

An engineer, fireman, and head brake-  
man were caught under the debris, and  
are believed to have been killed.

## Joint Session Names Johnson in Maine

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 18.—Charles F.  
Johnson, Democrat, was today elected to  
succeed Eugene Hale in the Senate of  
the United States by the Legislature in  
joint session. Mr. Johnson is the first  
Democratic United States Senator to  
be elected from Maine since 1849.

## Eighteen Injured On the Delaware

NORFOLK, Jan. 18.—It was learned  
today that seventeen men were slightly  
injured, when eight were killed and one  
seriously hurt yesterday by a boiler tube  
explosion on the battleship Delaware.

## Break in Water Main Makes Thousands Idle

ELYRIA, Ohio, Jan. 18.—All local fac-  
tories were shut down today and 4,000  
men and women were made idle as a  
result of a water main from Lake Erie  
five miles away breaking.

## WEATHER REPORT

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.  
Generally fair tonight and Thursday;  
temperature tonight about 25 degrees.

TEMPERATURES.	
8 a. m.	24
12 noon	25
5 p. m.	25
10 a. m.	25
1 p. m.	25
4 p. m.	25
11 a. m.	27

TIDE TABLE.  
Today—High tide, 10:58 a. m. and 11:20  
p. m.; low tide, 5:02 a. m. and 5:25 p. m.  
Tomorrow—High tide, 11:47 a. m.; low  
tide, 5:30 a. m. and 6:10 p. m.

SUN TABLE.  
Sun rises..... 7:16 Sun sets..... 5:05

## HITCHCOCK WOULD INSURE EMPLOYEES AGAINST OLD AGE

Postmaster General Convinced Interests of  
the Government and Workers Demand  
Retirement and Increased Pay.

"The interests of the employees and the Government alike demand  
legislation to the end that superannuated employees in the civil service  
may be retired. I have not made a sufficient study of the subject to  
state with positiveness what the age of retirement should be.

"Conditions suggest the adoption of measures that will insure Gov-  
ernment employees against want after they pass the period of active ser-  
vice."

In the above language, and with the further statement that the sal-  
aries now paid are insufficient, Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock  
advocates legislation that will remedy the present unsatisfactory relations  
between the Government and its thousands of employees.

### Urged Pensions in Report.

In one of his recent reports to Con-  
gress, Mr. Hitchcock recommended a  
"reasonable system of civil pensions"  
for superannuated Government em-  
ployees, and, although he does not now  
take sides as between the civil pension  
and the contributory system, it is not  
understood that the Postmaster General  
has changed his mind with reference to  
the obligation that the Government  
owes its workers.

Postmaster General Hitchcock is one  
of the economy generals of the present  
Administration. For two years he has  
been devoting himself to a reduction of  
the postal deficit, which was of stag-  
gering proportions when he came into of-  
fice. Mr. Hitchcock has been a Govern-  
ment clerk himself. He rose from the  
ranks, as it were, and he is what the  
biographers call a "self-made man," and  
he occupies a position in the Presi-  
dent's Cabinet today because he knew  
how to do things and he did them.

### Believes Recognition Deserved.

A man who used to be a plain Govern-  
ment clerk; who advanced to a confi-  
dential secretaryship; who became First  
Assistant Postmaster General, then  
chairman of the Republican National  
committee and finally Postmaster Gen-  
eral of the United States, would not  
recommend legislation in behalf of  
thirty-odd thousand subordinate public  
servants unless he believed such recog-  
nition really deserved.

Mr. Hitchcock knows there has been  
and is opportunity for the introduction  
of improved business methods in the  
Postoffice Department, over which he  
directly presides. He realizes there is  
a leak here and a veritable flow of  
waste there—but he does not say that  
economy should be wrought through a re-  
organization of salaries.

Instead, one finds that the Postmaster  
General is familiar with the high cost  
of living problem; that he believes the  
average employee in his department, and  
in other departments, is underpaid, and  
that there is a general need for a re-  
classification of the service and a read-  
justment of salaries in proportion to  
the increased demands on the man em-  
ployed.

### Mr. Hitchcock's Views.

This is what Mr. Hitchcock has had to  
say on the subject, not only of taking  
care of the man who has grown old in  
the service, but of the man who may  
now be giving the best years of his  
life to the public cause:

"In recent years the subject of making  
provision for the retirement of super-  
annuated employees in the civil ser-  
vice has received much consideration.  
It is believed that the interests of the  
employees and the Government alike de-  
mand legislation to this end.

"The work of the postal service, for  
instance, like that of every great busi-  
ness institution, public or private, re-  
quires special training. Years of ex-  
perience are necessary to the attain-  
ment of a high degree of efficiency in  
the discharge of duties devolved upon  
it. This department's policies, therefore,  
are to recruit its force from young men,  
and to retain them until such time as  
their usefulness is impaired by advanc-  
ing age.

### Salaries Barely Sufficient.

"In view of the increased cost of liv-  
ing, the salaries paid are barely suf-  
ficient to enable the employees to meet  
current needs, and the opportunities to  
make provision for old age are small.  
These conditions suggest the adoption  
of measures that would insure Govern-  
ment employees against want after they  
pass the period of active service.

"Experience has shown that in default  
of such provisions practical returns in the  
increased loyalty and zeal of employees.  
The drain on the national finances by  
their retention at full pay after they  
have become incapacitated for efficient  
service, is far greater than would be  
the cost of a reasonable system of civil  
pensions."

### Higher Pay, More Efficiency.

Another thing in line with Mr. Hit-  
chcock's pertinent suggestions as to the  
need for remedial legislation is rec-  
ommended by a report which the Dis-  
trict Postmaster General submitted to Con-  
gress and in which he cited what in-  
creased efficiency had done for the ef-  
ficiency of the service in which he is most  
interested—the postal branch of the Gov-  
ernment.

The Postmaster General says the in-  
creased efficiency has more than com-  
pensated for the additional expense. He  
also confirms, in a way, the statement  
made by the Civil Service Commission,  
that good men are leaving the Govern-  
ment employ because of the poor wages  
paid and the better opportunities on the  
outside.

He cites the immediate benefits ac-  
cruing from an increase of the salaries  
of postoffice clerks and the clerical let-  
ter-carrier forces in 1907, when the cost  
of living began to climb. He says:  
"The cost of living had increased,

## INCREASED POWER FOR COMMISSIONERS IN DISTRICT BILL

Measure Reported to House  
From Appropriations  
Committee.

## MOST IMPORTANT IN MANY YEARS

Playgrounds Given \$3,000, With  
\$17,500 to Come From  
District Treasury.

The District appropriation bill, au-  
thorizing more important legislation  
in the interest of the District than has  
been carried in a similar bill in many  
years, was reported to the House to-  
day from the Committee on Approp-  
riations.

The amount carried by the bill is  
\$11,276,836.50, which is \$564,614.40  
less than the Commissioners esti-  
mated.

One of the most important features  
of the bill is the increased powers  
vested in the District Commissioners.  
This additional power virtually makes  
the Commissioners a public service  
commission, in addition to their pres-  
ent duties, and it gives them jurisdic-  
tion over District affairs which are  
now under the jurisdiction of Federal  
officers.

### The Playgrounds Question.

The manner in which the playgrounds  
in the District should be maintained was  
the subject of a prolonged controversy  
at the committee meeting this morning.  
Several members of the committee at-  
tempted to brush aside the precedent of  
last year and make the appropriation  
on the half and half basis.

In the full committee meeting, how-  
ever, this proposition was defeated, and,  
as the bill was finally reported out,  
it authorizes an appropriation of \$3,000  
for the maintenance of the physical  
plant of the playgrounds which are to  
be taken over by the District Commis-  
sioners, but provides that the \$17,500 in  
salaries shall be paid for wholly out of  
the District treasury.

Among the important new provisions  
of the bill are the following:  
Authorization for the establishment of  
a municipal asphalt plant, to occupy a  
space lying south of Water street and  
east of Fourteenth street southeast, and  
to cost not exceeding \$75,000.

Authorization for street cleaning by  
the District instead of under the pres-  
ent contract system.  
"The Commissioners of the District  
are directed to effect a settlement for  
are lighting under the existing contract  
with the Potomac Electric Power Com-  
pany, from the date of said contract to  
the date of the approval of this act."

### Night Lodging House.

The Commissioners are also authorized  
to accept as a donation from the  
Night Lodging House Association the  
property now known as the Night Lodg-  
ing House which is to become the prop-  
erty of the District, and to be operated  
by the District.

The Washington Asylum and the Dis-  
trict jail are consolidated under the fol-  
lowing provision of the bill: "Provided,  
that the jail of the District of Colum-  
bia, the Washington Asylum of said  
District, on and after the last day of  
July, 1911, shall be combined as one in-  
stitution, known as the Washington  
Asylum, and the Commissioners are au-  
thorized to appoint a superintendent of  
said institution at a compensation of  
\$1,800 per annum and the positions of warden  
of the jail and superintendent of the  
institution now known as the Washing-  
ton Asylum are abolished on and after  
said date and all the duties, discretion  
and powers now vested in and exer-  
cised by the warden of the said jail and  
the superintendent of the present Wash-  
ington Asylum are hereby transferred  
to and vested in the superintendent  
herein provided for who shall give bond  
to the District of Columbia in the sum  
of \$5,000."

### Gives Complete Jurisdiction.

The effect of this provision will give  
the District Commissioners complete  
jurisdiction over the jail and asylum,  
which jurisdiction is now vested in the  
Department of Justice.

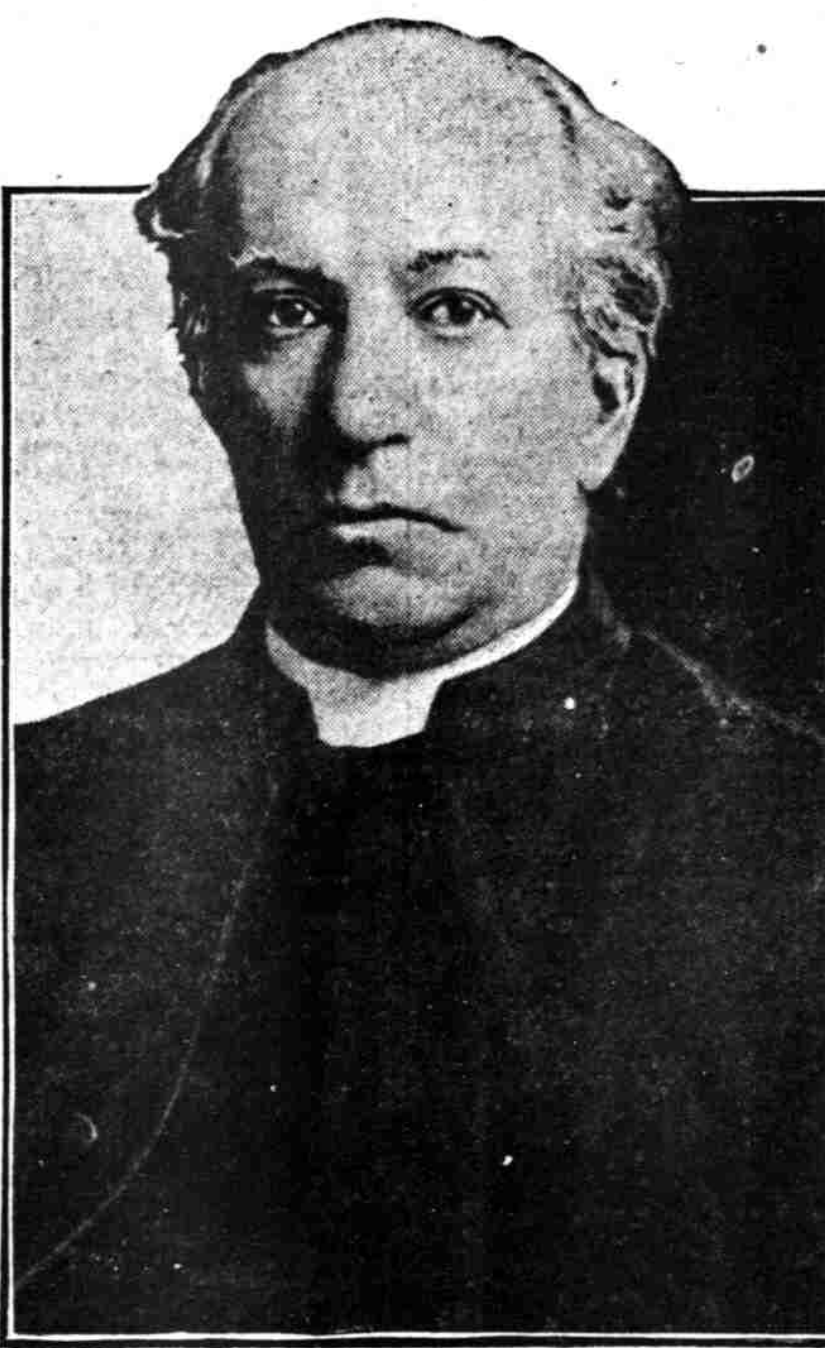
One of the new provisions with refer-  
ence to the purchasing officer of the  
District is as follows: "That he shall,  
under the direction of the Commission-  
ers, supervise the purchase and distribu-  
tion of all supplies, stores, and construc-  
tion materials for the use of the Dis-  
trict, and shall give bond in such sum  
as the Commissioners may determine."  
Those who are authorized to cancel the  
permits and to obtain a refund of the fee  
paid in the event the work is not com-  
pleted, provided the refund shall be asked  
for within six months after the date  
the permit was issued.

The chief clerk in the Auditor's Office  
is required in the future to perform the  
duties of the Auditor without additional  
compensation in the absence of the Au-  
ditor. The Auditor may require the  
deputy auditor to give bond while per-  
forming such duties, but the Auditor  
will continue to be held responsible to  
the Recorder of Deeds Office, sum  
not exceeding \$3,333.33 being appropriated  
for the purchase.

## Three Men Are Killed In Boiler Explosion

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 18.—The boiler  
of a New York Central freight locomotive  
exploded today at Wende, east of this  
city. The engineer, fireman, and a  
brakeman were killed.

## Distinguished Churchman Passes Away



BISHOP WILLIAM PARET,  
Whose Death Followed Closely That of His Wife.

## BISHOP PARET DEAD; LODGE ROUTS FOSS; ILLNESS WAS BRIEF RETURNS TO SENATE

Stricken With Grip, Which  
Soon Developed Into  
Pneumonia.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 18.—William Paret,  
bishop of the Protestant Episcopal dioc-  
ese of Maryland, and one of the best  
known clergymen in this country, died  
at his residence, 1110 Madison avenue,  
this morning at 6 o'clock.

Bishop Paret was attacked with grip  
about two weeks ago, the disease rapidly  
merging into pneumonia. It was  
realized from the first that at his ad-  
vanced age there was but slight hope  
of his recovery.

His condition steadily became worse,  
and he sank into a dying condition on  
Monday from which he never rallied.  
With him at the time of his death  
were the members of his family and  
Bishop Coadjutor John Gardner Mur-  
ray, who, by the act of his investiture  
into the office, created several years  
ago, will succeed the deceased clergy-  
man as bishop.

The bishop's wife died Sunday last  
after a number of months' illness at  
Johns Hopkins Hospital. She was buried  
yesterday from the chapel adjacent to  
the house where the bishop lay dying.

## Bishop of Arizona Consecrated in Boston

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 18.—With impos-  
ing ceremonies in Trinity Church to-  
day, the Rev. Julius Walter Atwood,  
D. D., of Phoenix, was consecrated  
missionary bishop of Arizona. Roose-  
velt, under the terms of his recent election by  
the general convention of the Episcopal  
Church at Cincinnati. Bishop-elect At-  
wood was attended in the solemn pro-  
cession by the Rev. Dr. William D.  
Maxon, of Detroit, Mich., and the Rev.  
Dr. Henry S. Nash, of the faculty of  
the Cambridge Theological School.

## Aldrich on Island, In Millionaires' Club

BRUNSWICK, Ga., Jan. 18.—Senator  
Nelson W. Aldrich, who left his Wash-  
ington home a few days ago, because  
of ill health, is the guest of the famous  
Millionaires' Club, on Jekyll Island.

When he arrived here the Senator's  
hand was in a bandage, as the result  
of the recent operation he underwent in  
New York.

## Depositors In Riot When Storming Bank

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Five hundred  
depositors, including both men and wo-  
men, attacked the bank of F. Rubano &  
Sons, 223 First avenue, today, causing  
a riot which resulted in fifty policemen  
being sent to the scene.

The bank was closed late yesterday  
following a petition in bankruptcy filed  
by the proprietor.

## Priceless Painting Destroyed by Fire

PERLIN, Jan. 18.—The priceless Van  
Dyke painting of "Samson and Delil-  
ah," owned by M. Ryschoff, a Russian  
millionaire, has been destroyed in a fire  
which destroyed the Ryschoff residence,  
according to a dispatch received here to-  
day from St. Petersburg.

## MONTHS REQUIRED TO DISENTANGLE AFFAIRS OF BANK

Receiver of the Alexandria  
Corporation Gives Out  
a Statement.

## REPORTS TRANSFERS MADE BY RIXEY

President's Entire Stock Was Plac-  
ed to His Private Account,  
Hs Says.

That the affairs of the Virginia Safe  
Deposit and Trust corporation are in  
such condition that it will take  
months, perhaps a year, to trace all  
the transactions of the concern, was  
the statement made today by J. K. M.  
Norton, one of the two receivers for  
the corporation.

Mr. Norton will appear before the  
grand jury tomorrow, which will then  
begin investigating the alleged irregu-  
larities in the bank affairs, as will  
also the other receiver, John F. Bar-  
bour, and Franklin Coates, engaged  
as special accountant to go through  
the books of the institution.

### Hope to Issue Statement.

Despite the condition of the bank's  
accounts, it is hoped to have an ap-  
proximate statement of the institu-  
tion's assets and liabilities ready for  
the grand jury within a few days, if  
such a statement is asked for.

In his statement today, Mr. Norton  
shed some light on the property said  
to have been transferred to the presi-  
dent, C. J. Rixey, without payment and  
of the overdrafts said to have been  
made by Mr. Rixey.

"The books seem to show that Mr.  
Rixey transferred his entire stock to  
his private account," said Mr. Norton.  
"On the other hand, we have come  
across some entries today from which  
it appears that Mr. Rixey paid out of  
his private account money which should  
have been charged to the bank. The  
largest of these payments was \$300, and  
there were a number of other similar  
charges to his personal account."

### Paid Up Capital Over \$300,000.

So far as can be learned at the pres-  
ent time, Mr. Norton stated, the paid  
up capital of the bank exceeded \$300,000.  
The authorized capital of the institution  
was a maximum of \$1,000,000.

"All the stock subscribed to by Mr.  
Rixey," the receiver said, "apparently  
was paid for. Payment was made by  
10 per cent cash and the remainder in  
notes. The total amount of stock origi-  
nally held by Mr. Rixey was \$83,500, but  
he sold and bought stock frequently, so  
that his holdings make a long, long  
story. To verify the manner in which  
the rest of the stock issued in order to  
will also require a long investigation."

The settling of Mr. Rixey's private  
account and checking it up with the  
bank's funds will be a matter of weeks  
of hard work. Checks and drafts will  
have to be traced back in order to as-  
certain the exact debits of the presi-  
dent's account."

### Charges False Statements.

That Col. Joseph Button, State insur-  
ance commissioner of Virginia, called  
as a witness before the grand jury in-  
vestigating the affairs of the trust cor-  
poration will appear tomorrow to tes-  
tify that bank officials made false  
statements to his office in submitting  
their annual report as to surety and  
fidelity business, is stated in a dispatch  
from Richmond today.

Other important witnesses to appear  
are State Bank Examiner Charles C.  
Barksdale and Clerk R. T. Wilson, of  
the Virginia corporation commission.

### Board Acted Promptly.

Mr. Barksdale will testify that he first  
began examination of the bank's condi-  
tion on December 8, and two days later  
made his report to the State corporation  
commission. In a statement made today  
Mr. Barksdale said that what took  
place after that body received his re-  
port he could not say. It is believed  
that the commission lost no time in  
complying with the requirement of the  
law in notifying the directors of the  
bank.

The references to the "Alexandria  
bank" in newspaper articles about the  
Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Cor-  
poration are not to be confused with the  
"Alexandria National Bank," one of the  
most prominent financial institutions in  
northern Virginia, which is perfectly  
solvent and in no way connected with  
the Safe Deposit Corporation or the  
Mercantile Railway Association, both  
of which are in the hands of receivers.

Whether the Virginia Safe Deposit  
and Trust Corporation was actually en-  
joined

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## IN CONGRESS TODAY

Senator Burrows spoke in defense of  
Senator Lorimer.  
Senator Beveridge introduced a bill for  
an extract from a report which he made  
Tuesday, January 24, was agreed upon  
for further discussion of the Cummins  
resolution on revision schedule by  
schedule.  
The Moon bill for a codification of the  
laws was again taken up in the House  
this being the fourth calendar Wed-  
nesday devoted to its consideration.  
Harry L. Gordon, formerly lieutenant  
governor of Ohio, appeared before  
the House Interstate Commerce Com-  
mittee in opposition to the bill to  
increase the powers of the Public  
Health Service.  
The District appropriation bill contain-  
ing a number of provisions increasing  
the powers of the District Commis-  
sioners was reported to the House.